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LOK SABHA

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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount utilized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh out of the allocated amount for the implementation of the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme and Shelter and Sanitation for Footpath Dwellers during each of the last three years;

(b) the status of projects during the said period scheme-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that inspite of sanctioning the requisite amount, the State Government has failed to utilize the funds in time;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the guidelines/instructions issued to Government of Andhra Pradesh to ensure timely utilization of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)to(d): The scheme-wise release/utilization of funds by the Government of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

(i) INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS (IDSMT): Under the scheme, Rs.253.50 lakhs, Rs.608.04 lakhs, Rs.623.62 lakhs and Rs.578.59 lakhs as central assistance have been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively and Rs.76.50 lakhs, Rs.1324.11 lakhs, Rs.353.15 lakhs and Rs.668.74 lakhs have been utilized by the State Government during the same period. The utilization figure is inclusive of State share and loan from financial institutions.

In additions to the above an amount of Rs.259.25 lakhs central assistance has been approved and is being released during 2003-2004.

The projects under the scheme are at various stages of implementation.

(ii) ACCELERATED URBAN WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME (AUWSP): Under the scheme the annual allocation for the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 was Rs.200.57 lakhs, Rs.297.73 lakhs, Rs.382.19 lakhs and Rs.438.76 lakhs. However, no central share was released during 2000-01 due to non-approval of schemes. During the year, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 central share of Rs.361.30 lakhs, 385.90 lakhs and Rs.149.55 lakhs (upto Sept. 2003) has been released respectively. Against total central release of Rs.747.20 lakhs for 11 projects, an amount of Rs.471.91 lakhs has been utilized upto September 2003.

(iii) SHELTER AND SANITATION SCHEME FOR FOOTPATH DWELLERS: In the State of Andhra Pradesh, 3 schemes were sanctioned under the scheme during the year 2001-02 for a total project cost of Rs.92.19 lakhs and Central subsidy of Rs.28.56 lakhs for construction of 210 WCs. Out of the above, an amount of Rs.14.98 lakhs Central subsidy has been released in the schemes during the year 2002-03. As per latest information received, 60 WCs have been taken up, out of which 20 WCs have been completed and 40 WCs are under construction.

(e): The schemes are being monitored through various monthly/quarterly financial and physical progress reports. Also Secretary and Joint Secretary take review meetings, wherein the utilization of the funds along-with other issues regarding implementation of the scheme are discussed and instructions are issued. Besides utilization of funds released under the schemes is reviewed in the State Level Sanctioning Committee Meeting wherein representatives of the Government of India also take part.